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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (Amended) A goblet device configured for use with a food mixer, the device comprising:

- a) a container having a longitudinal axis centered within a plane defined by an upper edge of the container;
- b) a mixing assembly, disposable within the container so as to be centered near the bottom of the container, the mixing assembly having a plurality of blades spaced away from the sides of the container and mounted about a single rotational axis; and
- c) wherein the container and the mixing assembly are angled relative to one another in that the plane defined by said upper edge of the container is not perpendicular relative to the rotational axis of the mixing assembly so as to form an off-axis configuration resulting in more efficient mixing action~~the longitudinal axis of the container being different than, and non-collinear with respect to, the rotational axis of the mixing assembly.~~

2. (Amended) A device in accordance with claims 1 or 23, wherein the longitudinal and rotational axes are offset with respect to one another.

3. (Amended) A device in accordance with claims 1 or 23, wherein the longitudinal and rotational axes are oriented transverse with respect to one another.

4. (Amended) A device in accordance with claims 1 or 23, wherein the rotational axis is oriented substantially vertical; and wherein the longitudinal axis is oriented at an acute angle with respect to vertical

5. (Amended) A device in accordance with claims 1 or 23, wherein the container includes a front wall oriented substantially vertical, and a rear wall oriented at an acute angle with respect to vertical.

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6. (Amended) A device in accordance with claims 1 or 23, wherein the container has upper and lower horizontal cross-sections that are non-concentric.

7. (Amended) A device in accordance with claims 1 or 23, wherein the container has a tilted upper edge forming an acute angle with respect to horizontal.

8. (Amended) A device in accordance with claims 1 or 23, further comprising:

- a) a base having a motor capable of turning a drive mechanism extending therefrom, the container being disposable on the base with the drive mechanism engagable with the mixing assembly;
- b) a spout, coupled to the container;
- c) a cup indentation formed in the base at a position underneath the spout when the container is disposed on the base, the cup indentation extending into the base and extending vertically from the spout through a bottom of the base; and
- d) a pair of protrusions, extending from the base with the cup indentation therebetween.

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9. (Amended) A food mixer device, comprising:

- a) a base with a motor capable of turning a drive mechanism extending therefrom; and
- b) an off-axis goblet, disposable on the base, ~~comprising~~ having
 - i) a container having a longitudinal axis centered within a plane defined by an upper edge of the container;
 - ii) a mixing assembly engageable with the drive mechanism and a rotational axis and disposable within the container so as to be centered near the bottom of the container, the mixing assembly having a plurality of blades spaced away from the sides of the container and mounted about a single rotational axis, and
 - iii) wherein the container and the mixing assembly are angled relative to one another in that the plane defined by said upper edge of the container is not perpendicular relative to the rotational axis of the mixing assembly so as to form an off-axis configuration resulting in more efficient mixing action a longitudinal axis centered within the goblet, and being different than and non-collinear with respect to the rotational axis of the mixing assembly.

10. (Amended) A device in accordance with claims 9 or 24, wherein the longitudinal and rotational axes are offset with respect to one another.

11. (Amended) A device in accordance with claims 9 or 24, wherein the longitudinal and rotational axes are oriented transverse with respect to one another.

12. (Amended) A device in accordance with claims 9 or 24, wherein the rotational axis is oriented substantially vertical; and wherein the longitudinal axis is oriented at an acute angle with respect to vertical.

13. (Amended) A device in accordance with claims 9 or 24, wherein the goblet has a front wall oriented substantially vertical, and a rear wall oriented at an acute angle with respect to vertical.

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14. (Amended) A device in accordance with claims 9 or 24, wherein the goblet has upper and lower horizontal cross-sections that are non-concentric.

15. (Amended) A device in accordance with claims 9 or 24, wherein the goblet has a tilted upper edge forming an acute angle with respect to horizontal

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16. (Amended) A goblet device in accordance with claims 1 or 23, wherein configured for use with a beverage mixer, the device comprising:

- a) ~~—a container wall defining a container and having a longitudinal axis substantially centered within the container;~~
- b) ~~—a mixing assembly, disposable within the container, having a rotational axis; and~~
- c) ~~—the rotational axis of the mixing assembly is being oriented substantially vertical; and~~
- d) ~~—the longitudinal axis of the container is being oriented at an acute angle with respect to vertical and tilted in a rearward direction such that the rotational and longitudinal axes are non-collinear and transverse with respect to one another.~~

17. (Amended) A goblet device in accordance with claims 1 or 23, wherein configured for use with a food mixer, the device comprising:

- a) ~~—a container having a longitudinal axis centered within the container;~~
- b) ~~—a mixing assembly, disposable within the container, having a rotational axis; and~~
- c) ~~—the longitudinal axis of the container is being oriented transverse with respect to the rotational axis of the mixing assembly.~~

18. (Previously Presented) A device in accordance with claim 17, wherein the rotational axis is oriented substantially vertical; and wherein the longitudinal axis is oriented at an acute angle with respect to vertical.

19. (Previously Presented) A device in accordance with claim 17, wherein the longitudinal axis of the container is oriented at an acute angle greater than zero with respect to the rotational axis of the mixing assembly.

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20. (Amended) A goblet device in accordance with claims 1 or 23, wherein configured for use with a food mixer, the device comprising:

- a) ~~— a container having a longitudinal axis centered within the container;~~
- b) ~~— a mixing assembly, disposable within the container, having a rotational axis; and~~
- e) ~~— the longitudinal axis of the container is being oriented at an acute angle greater than zero with respect to the rotational axis of the mixing assembly.~~

21. (Previously Presented) A device in accordance with claim 20, wherein the rotational axis is oriented substantially vertical; and wherein the longitudinal axis is oriented at an acute angle with respect to vertical.

22. (Previously Presented) A device in accordance with claim 20, wherein the longitudinal axis of the container being oriented transverse with respect to the rotational axis of the mixing assembly.

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23. (New) A goblet device configured for use with a food mixer, the device comprising:

- a) a container having a longitudinal axis centered within a plane defined by an upper edge of the container;
- b) a mixing assembly, disposable within the container so as to be centered near the bottom of the container, the mixing assembly having a plurality of blades spaced away from the sides of the container and mounted about a single rotational axis; and
- c) an off-axis means for creating a non-uniform vortex in material within the container when the mixing assembly operates to mix the material within the container.

24. (New) A food mixer device, comprising:

- a) a base with a motor capable of turning a drive mechanism extending therefrom; and
- b) an off-axis goblet, disposable on the base, comprising
 - i) a container having a longitudinal axis centered within the container;
 - ii) a mixing assembly engageable with the drive mechanism and disposable within the container so as to be centered near the bottom of the container, the mixing assembly having a plurality of blades spaced away from the sides of the container and mounted about a single rotational axis, and
 - iii) an off-axis means for creating a non-uniform vortex in material within the container when the mixing assembly operates to mix the material within the container.

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